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The Brady Brief - Pell Grant Award Information

Dear Friend,

This past year, Pell Grant awards have reached an all-time high. Approximately 8 million students nationwide rely on the Pell Grant scholarship each year to help pay for college, and that number is continuously growing. Action taken by Congress is responsible for making higher education more affordable, and I am proud to have taken part in that.

For the current academic year, the Pell Grant scholarship increased to \$5,550, and beginning in 2013 the maximum scholarship will increase with the cost of inflation. I am pleased to report that my district was awarded the most amount of Pell Grant scholarship money in the state of Pennsylvania. It is estimated that over \$102,000,000 in awards will go to over 27,000 students in the First District to help pay for college. I am proud of these statistics because I believe anyone who is interested in furthering their education should not be held back because of financial constraints.

Pell grants are administered to post-secondary students by the Department of Education based on financial need. Any undergraduate and vocational students enrolled or accepted for enrollment in participating schools may apply for grants. Unlike loans, Pell Grants do not need to be repaid. I encourage anyone with questions about student aid or those who are interested in applying for a Pell Grant to visit <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid website.

I will continue to fight to make college more affordable and ensure increased access to higher education. Should you have any questions about this or any other issue, do not hesitate to contact me at any of my offices.

Sincerely,



Robert Brady
Member of Congress

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